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Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the Secretary-General to the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission

In its presidential statement of 20 May 2008 (S/PRST/2008/16), the Security Council invited me to provide advice within 12 months to the relevant United Nations organs on how best to take forward within the United Nations system the issues pertaining to securing sustainable peace more rapidly and effectively, including in the areas of coordination, civilian deployment capabilities and financing. In particular, the Council emphasized the need to take into consideration the views of the Peacebuilding Commission on how to coordinate peacebuilding activities and encourage the mobilization and most effective use of resources for urgent peacebuilding needs.

You will agree with me that the aforementioned task is critical to our collective efforts to enable coherent and integrated response of the United Nations in complex post-conflict situations. Therefore, I intend to dedicate the requisite efforts and capacities to undertake that ambitious exercise within the United Nations system with the valuable contribution of the Peacebuilding Commission. To that end, and as you are aware, I recently appointed Ms. Jane Holl Lute as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support and asked her to coordinate the exercise on my behalf. I also asked Ms. Lute to indicate the appropriate timing for the contribution of the Commission to this exercise and to represent me, in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), in all the Commission's deliberations in this regard.

I am confident that the Peacebuilding Commission will play a constructive role in informing the outcome of this exercise. I also trust that by addressing critical gaps in the response of the United Nations to post-conflict situations across the system, the Commission's advisory role will assume greater significance for all relevant United Nations and non-United Nations operational entities in the countries concerned. This is, in my view, an important step towards a more coherent and integrated approach to peacebuilding.

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I would highly appreciate it if you would have the present letter circulated to all members of the Peacebuilding Commission and issued as a document of the Commission.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon